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SUBJECT: DAILY ACTIVITY REPORTS, TUESDAY, AUGUST 31, 1976

1. THE FOLLOWING ARE THE DAIL ACTIVITY REPORTS FROM
THE PRINCIPALS. P, C, AND M ARE NOT SUBMITTING.

FROM CHARLES W. ROBINSON

CANADIAN AMBASSADOR WARREN CALLED ON ME TO CONVEY THE
SERIOUS CONCERN OF HIS GOVERNMENT OVER AN ANTI-TRUST
INVESTIGATION BY THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE INTO CARTEL
ARRANGEMENTS OF FOREIGN URANIUM PRODUCERS. WARREN
ARGUED WE SHOULD LOOK CLOSELY AT THE EFFECTS OF THIS
INVESTIGATION ON OVERALL U.S. ENERGY POLICY AND ON OUR
BILATERAL RELATIONS. HE ALSO WANTED ME TO BE AWARE OF THE
POLITICAL FUROR IN CANADA CAUSED BY THE NAMING OF 30
CANADIANS (INCLUDING THE DECEASED PREMIER OF
SASKATCHEWAN) AS UNINDICTED CO-CONSPIRATORS IN A
POTASH ANTI-TRUST ACTION.

I LISTENED TO HIS COMMENTS, EXPLAINED WHAT WE KNEW OF THE
BASIS FOR THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT ACTION IN THESE CASES,
AND ASSURED WARREN THAT WE WOULD KEEP CLOSE TABS ON
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THEM TO MINIMIZE THEIR EFFECT ON OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS.

ARAMCO EXECUTIVES, HEADED BY HEDLUND, CAME IN TO UPDATE US ON THE STATUS OF THEIR NEGOTIATIONS WITH SAUDI ARABIA. IN SUM, THEY FEEL THERE HAS BEEN LOTS OF PROGRESS IN THEIR MOST RECENT MEETING IN GENEVA, BUT YAMANI HAS TO GET APPROVAL OF THE NEW AGREEMENTS WHICH MAY PROVE DIFFICULT AS HIS POSITION NOW IS NOT AS STRONG AS UNDER FAISAL. SO, WHILE THEY HOPE NOT, THEY THINK YAMANI MAY COME BACK AT THEM WITH SUBSEQUENT DEMANDS.

THE NON-PROLIFERATION WORKING GROUP, PLUS SONNENFELDT, JOINED ME TO GO OVER THE DRAFT MEMORANDUM TO THE PRESIDENT, DRAWN UP BY THE FRI TASK FORCE. WE WILL, BY FRI'S DEADLINE OF NOON WEDNESDAY, GIVE HIM OUR FINAL SET OF COMMENTS AND SUGGESTED LANGUAGE CHANGES AND THEN MOVE TO THE STAGE OF YOUR SEPARATE MEMORANDUM TO THE PRESIDENT ON THE TASK FORCE AND OUR SPECIAL INTERESTS.

ALSO DURING THE DAY: ATTENDED YOUR BREAKFAST ON AFRICAN AFFAIRS; MET WITH PRESS SPOKESMAN BROWN; LUNCHEDED WITH WIN LORD AND BOB FRI, HEAD OF THE WHITE HOUSE TASK FORCE ON NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION; WORKED ON THE ISSUE OF ISRAELI INTERFERENCE WITH EGYPTIAN OIL DRILLING IN THE GULF; AND ATTENDED DINNER BY KOREAN AMBASSADOR FOR JOE SISCO.

E - WILLIAM D. ROGERS

AFRICA - CONSIDERABLE, INCLUDING THE BRIEFING. THE PRESS PEOPLE WERE RELATIVELY RESTRAINED. I EMPHASIZED THAT NAMIBIA AND RHODESIA WERE TWO SEPARATE ISSUES, THAT WE FEARED THE SPIRAL OF VIOLENCE AND FELT FOR THIS REASON THAT IF THERE WAS ANY HOPE AT ALL YOU HAD TO MAKE THE EFFORT--BUT THAT WE WERE BY NO MEANS PERSUADED THAT THE ODDS WERE FAVORABLE ON EITHER NAMIBIA OR RHODESIA. I OUTLINED THE HIGH POINTS OF YOUR SPEECH. THERE WAS NO HOSTILE QUESTIONING ABOUT THIS BEING A LAST HURRAH, OR ABOUT PLANS FOR COMPENSATION FOR WHITE SUPREMICISTS THAT THIS WAS ALL A POLITICAL PLOT FOR BLACK VOTES -- ALL QUESTIONS I HAD EXPECTED.

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DIGGS - HE CALLED, ASKING FOR A BRIEFING BEFORE HE ANNOUNCES AT 10:00 TOMORROW A LEADERSHIP MEETING (2,000 PLUS) TO TALK AFRICA ON SEPTEMBER 25. I AGREED.

YEO - I LUNCHEDED WITH HIM AND HARRY SHLAUDEMAN ON MEXICO. MAYBE THE DECISION COMES TOMMOROW. I TOLD HIM WE WOULD INSURE THAT NOTHING UNHELPFUL WAS SAID IN THIS BUILDING OR BY OUR REPRESENTATIVES ABROAD.

ARAMCO - A MEETING WITH CHUCK ROBINSON AND THE EXXON AND
TEXACO REPRESENTATIVES ON THE ARAMCO NEGOTIATIONS;

EPB - AND ANOTHER, ON OUR COMMON FUND PAPER;

MAW - AND STILL ANOTHER, ON LITIGATION;

LYNN - AND FINALLY, YET ANOTHER, TO BRIEF JIM ON AFRICA.

FROM T - CARLYLE MAW

I SPENT THIS MORNING IN NEW YORK ATTENDING MEETINGS AT
THE LOS CONFERENCE.

MET WITH BOB BREWSTER THIS AFTERNOON AND REVIEWED DETAILS
OF YOUR APPEARANCE AT THE LOS CONFERENCE TOMORROW AND
THURSDAY.

MEETING THIS AFTERNOON WITH MESSRS. SONNENFELDT, GOODBY,
SAUNDERS AND BREWSTER (STATE), ADM. MORRIS (DEFENSE) AND
CMDR. ELDRIDGE AND COL. BOVERIE (NSC) REGARDING BRIEFING
OF THE FRENCH ON PROBLEMS OF INSTALLATIONS ON THE
CONTINENTAL SHELF. WE ARE PROPOSING TO SEND A TEAM TO
PARIS FOR A FRIDAY BRIEFING.

CONVERSATION WITH LUIGI EINAUDI REGARDING CURRENT STATUS
OF MARCONA NEGOTIATIONS AND PLANS FOR OUR TRIP TO LIMA
NEXT WEEK.

I AM RETURNING TO NEW YORK TONIGHT AND WILL BE AT THE LOS
CONFERENCE TOMORROW.

ROBINSON

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